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SUBJECT: SIMONS' ARTICLE ON INDO/NEPAL RELATIONS

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON MFA JOINT SECRETARY SHARDUL RANA NOVEMBER 20 AND GAVE HIM TEXT OF SIMONS' ARTICLE ON INDO/NEPAL RELATIONS. CHARGE DREW RANA'S ATTENTION TO FINAL PARAGRAPH AND STATED THAT IT WAS "ENTIRELY INCORRECT." OUR INTEREST IN NEPAL REMAINED UNCHANGED AND WE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT STRONGLY THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF NEPAL. RANA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS CLARIFICATION AND SAID THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS SIMONS' ARTICLE WAS AT VARIANCE WITH FREQUENTLY STATED USG POSITION. RANA SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FROM NEPALESE EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI THAT SIMONS WOULD BE PUBLISHING FOUR ADDITIONAL ARTICLES. HE ASKED THAT HE BE GIVEN FULL TEXTS AS THEY BECAME AVAILABLE.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH MFA SECRETARY KHATRI, CHARGE ALSO MADE CLARIFICATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE GIVEN RANA. LIKE RANA, KHATRI INDICATED THAT GON FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND WELCOMED CURRENT USG POLICY TOWARDS NEPAL. QUANTON

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